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SINGLE MARKETS FOR FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up single markets and State of the art marketing centres alongwith an Indian Trade Organisation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Marketing is a State Subject under the Constitution and the Central Government is pursuing with the States to amend their State Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMC) Regulation Acts to facilitate setting up of private markets, e-trading facilities, direct marketing etc. so that a single market can emerge for agricultural products. So far, the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradeh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat,, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Orissa, Rajasthan, Sikkim and Tripura have made the suggested amendments in their respective Acts and reportedly the existing Act in Tamil Nadu also facilitates setting up of such marketing systems. In the States of Bihar, Karala, Manipur and Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu and Lakshdweep, there are no APMC Acts and, therefore, no restrictions. States which have amended their Acts have also been requested to set up state of the art modern terminal market complexes for horticultural produce and State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Punjab and UT Administrations of Chandigarh have initiated the process of selection of entrepreneurs for setting up such markets in 17 locations. Government has no intention to establish an Indian Trade Organization.